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Re: MUR 6822

I am writing in response to a complaint Ratcliffe for Congress "the committee" recently received from the Federal Election Commission.

On January 13th, 2014 the committee received a \$10,000 dollar check from Johnny and Naomi Jackson. A copy of the check is below. The check was delivered from the son-in-law of the contributors who instructed the committee of his in-laws' desire to have the funds attributed evenly between the primary election and primary runoff election (should it be required). The fact that both Johnny *and* Naomi Jackson were listed on the check, and that the son-in-law made no mention of the fact that Naomi was deceased, led the committee to believe in good faith that Naomi Jackson was indeed living. Furthermore, the Jacksons were described as being retired, resulting in Naomi Jackson's occupation being listed as retired on the committee's FEC filing.

Through the complaint at hand, it has come to the committee's attention that Naomi Jackson passed away on August 2, 2008. This has since been verified with Johnny Jackson, Naomi's surviving husband. After verifying this information, the committee immediately refunded all contributions improperly attributed to the late Naomi Jackson. A copy of the check for \$5,000 given to Johnny Jackson on May 29th, 2014 is included below. This refund will appear on the committee's next scheduled FEC filing of receipts and disbursements for Q2 2014.

While the committee is not pleased that an improper contributions were received, it believes it has promptly and appropriately addressed the situation. Moving forward, the committee will implement stricter safeguards upon receipt of contributions to ensure that future redress like this is not necessary.

Sincerely,

Michele Ratcliffe
Treasurer, Ratcliffe for Congress